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1. FOLLOWING IS INFORMATION REQUESTED IN REFTEL.

TRAORE BANQUET SPEECH

TRIPOLI DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC 2255 GMT 21 APR 73 M.

(SPEECH IN FRENCH BY MALI PRESIDENT MOUSSA TRAORE AT
DINNER BANQUET HELD IN HIS HONOR BY CHAIRMAN MU' AMMAR
AL-QADHDHAFI-- FROM ARABIC TRANSLATION-- RECORDED)

(EXCERPTS) CHAIRMAN OF THE RCC, RCC MEMBERS, MINISTERS,
YOUR EXCELLENCIES:

THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE 1 SEPTEMBER REVOLUTION HAVE GONE
BEYOND THE LIBYAN ARAB REPUBLIC'S BORDER. THEY HAVE
INSPIRED OTHER PEOPLES WHICH FOR AGES HAVE BEEN UNDER THE
YOKE OF FOREIGN DOMINATION AND EXPLOITATION. THE MALI
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PEOPLE, WHO HAVE ALWAYS FOUGHT AND STRUGGLED FAITHFULLY FOR

THE RIGHT OF ALL PEOPLES TO DETERMINE THEIR FUTURE AND TO EXERCISE THEIR COMPLETE SOVEREIGNTY OVER THEIR RESOURCES, PAY TRIBUTE TO THE 1 SEPTEMBER REVOLUTION FOR THE VICTORIES IT ACHIEVED IN THIS FIELD.

AMONG THESE VICTORIES WHICH WE WOULD LIKE TO STRESS IN PARTICULAR IS THE EVACUATION OF FOREIGN BASES IN LIBYA.

THE SECOND ACHIEVEMENT OF THE 1 SEPTEMBER REVOLUTION WHICH WE MUST MENTION BECAUSE OF ITS HISTORIC AND ECONOMIC VALUE IS THE REVOLUTIONARY DECISION YOU IMPOSED ON THE OIL COMPANIES. THIS DECISION HAS CLEARLY RESTORED THE LIBYAN ARAB PEOPLE'S SOVEREIGNTY OVER THEIR COUNTRY'S RESOURCES AND ALSO OPENED THE WAY TO THE OTHER OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES IN THE THIRD WORLD.

WHILE SPEAKING ABOUT IMPERIALISM, I WOULD LIKE TO SEIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE LIBYAN RCC AND PEOPLE FOR THEIR VALUABLE AND EFFECTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS WHOSE STRUGGLE CANNOT BE SEPARATED FROM THE STRUGGLE THE INDEPENDENT AFRICAN PEOPLES ARE NOW WAGING AGAINST IMPERIALISM AND ZIONISM.

MR. CHAIRMAN, THE MALI PEOPLE, WHO HAVE SUFFERED A LOT FROM IMPERIALISM AND FOREIGN DOMINATION, ARE CONVINCED OF THE FAIRNESS OF THE STRUGGLE THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE ARE WAGING TO REGAIN THEIR LEGITIMATE RIGHTS TO A HOMELAND, DOMESTIC UNITY AND THEIR WAY OF LIFE AND CULTURE. THAT IS WHY, DURING ALL THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES WE HAVE ATTENDED, WE HAVE ALWAYS CONFIRMED OUR SUPPORT FOR THIS STRUGGLING PEOPLE WHO OFTEN DO NOT FIND SUPPORT. WE STAND ON THE SIDE WHICH RESPECTS THE RIGHTS OF ALL PEOPLES, BE THEY BIG OR SMALL. MUTUAL RESPECT FOR THE RIGHTS OF ALL PEOPLE AND FOR THE RIGHTS TO FREEDOM, DIGNITY AND NATIONAL INTEGRITY IN OUR VIEW REALLY CONSTITUTE THE FUNDAMENTAL CONDITIONS FOR A JUST AND EVERLASTING PEACE. MALI'S SEVERANCE OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL STEMS FROM OUR PROFOUND ATTACHMENT TO PEACE AND FIRM RESOLVE TO STAND CLEARLY AGAINST ACQUISITION OF LAND BY FORCE.

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HISTORY TEACHES US IN FACT THAT ALL WARS AND CONFLICTS STEM FROM THE INEVITABLE COLLISION BETWEEN THE WILL OF DOMINATION AND OCCUPATION BY FORCE ON THE ONE SIDE AND THE RESISTANCE AND THE REJECTION OF OCCUPATION ON THE OTHER.

OUR DECISION TO SEVER ALL RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL AND OUR UNCONDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR THE PALESTINIAN ARAB PEOPLE WERE DICTATED BY OUR DEFINITE RESOLVE TO STRUGGLE AGAINST ARBITRARY RULE AND AGAINST SOLUTIONS IMPOSED FROM

POSITIONS OF STRENGTH. THAT IS WHY I WOULD LIKE TO SIEZE
A SOLEMN OPPORTUNITY SUCH AS THIS TO REAFFIRM THIS STAND
WHICH CONSTITUTES A FIRM PART OF OUR FOREIGN POLICY.

ON OUR PART, WE ARE PREPARED TO DO EVERYTHING IN OUR POWER
TO MAKE OUR VISIT TO YOUR BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY THE BEGINNING
OF AN ERA OF FRATERNAL COOPERATION AND GENUINE SOLIDARITY
BETWEEN THE TWO PEOPLES.

WE HOPE THAT OUR CELEBRATION OF THE 10 TH ANNIVERSARY OF
THE OAU WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE HEADS OF STATES AND
GOVERNMENTS TO (DRAW) UP AN ACCOUNT OF 10 YEARS WORK BY
OUR ORGANIZATIONS AND TO CONSULT WITH A VIEW TO DISCOVER-
ING NEW RESPECTIVES (SIC) , TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE
EXPERIENCE GAINED AND THE CHANGES IN INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS.

IN THE OPINION OF MALI'S GOVERNMENT, WE HAVE TO TAKE INTO
CONSIDERATION THREE BASIC POINTS WHICH ARE:

1. TO DEVELOP EXCHANGES AND COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN OUR
COUNTRIES.
2. TO DEFINE A NEW STRATEGY FOR LIBERATING THE AFRICAN
TERRITORY STILL UNDER FOREIGN DOMINATION.
3. TO CONFIRM MORE CONCRETE AND DYNAMIC TIES BY OUR
GOVERNMENTS WITH THE PALESTINIAN ARAB PEOPLE.

OUR GOVERNMENTS SHOULD PAY ATTENTION TO THESE SUBJECTS.
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THE REALIZATION OF OUR PRIMARY OBJECTIVES DEPENDS TO A
LARGE EXTENT ON THEIR SOLUTION.

AL- QADHDHAFI BANQUET SPEECH

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(SPEECH BY REVOLUTION COMMAND COUNCIL CHAIRMAN COL.
MU' AMMAR AL- QADHDHAFI AT BANQUET IN HONOR OF MALI
PRESIDENT MOUSSA TRAORE IN TRIPOLI ON 2 L APRIL--
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(TEXT) (? I WELCOME OUR GUEST) AND HIS HONORABLE
COMPANIONS AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE FRATERNAL PEOPLE OF
MALI. THIS VISIT IS A MAJOR STEP ON THE ROAD OF AFRICAN
COOPERATION STEMMING FROM AFRICAN WILL. IF STRENGTHENED,
THIS COOPERATION CAN RID THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES OF

IMPERIALIST ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND MILITARY INFLUENCE.

SUCH MEETINGS AS THIS DESTROY THE MYTH WHICH IMPERIALISM
HAS TRIED TO CREATE TO SPLIT THE CONTINENT, AND
PARTICULARLY, TO SEPARATE THE NORTH FROM THE REST OF THE
CONTINENT.

WHEN THE AFRICAN PEOPLES ARE IN DIFFICULTY, THE LIBYAN
ARAB REPUBLIC EXTENDS A HELPING HAND-- TO GUINEA, GUINEA
BISSAU, UGANDA, ZAMBIA, THE PEOPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA,
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